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TO: Bob Perito
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FROM: Dave Keegan *DK*
SUBJECT: Protocol handling of Li Peng's visit to UN

I was called late this afternoon by Protocol in New York and at their request also spoke to Protocol here in the Department.

According to Protocol in New York, after the Chinese arrive in New York JFK, their aircraft will move to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey to park until it returns to JFK when the party departs.

The Chinese Embassy, Mr. Tian, called me this morning to ask when we would respond to their diplomatic notes on arrangements for Li Peng's travel to New York. I asked them to call IO/UNP who had told me last week they were coordinating UNSC summit arrangements with Protocol.

When I spoke to Protocol here in the Department, it indicated that it does not normally respond by diplomatic note to the notes the Chinese presented since the Department does not require notes to make such arrangements.

The IO/UNP officer who has been coordinating protocol for the UNSC summit had already left for the day by the time I was called by Protocol. I will check with IO in the morning to determine whether or not they have spoken to the Chinese Embassy about not sending a dip note. If they have not, I will.

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